

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-19, 21-27, and 29-36 are pending in the application. Claims 11-19, 21-27, and 29-36 are allowed. Claims 1,3, and 4 are rejected. Claims 5-9 are objected to. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims and consideration of the following remarks.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 3, and 4 are rejected for double patenting over claims 18-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,178,170. Applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection. Claims 1, 3, and 4 are therefore allowable.

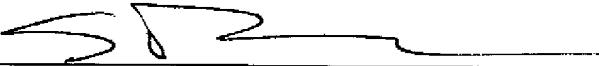
Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-9 were objected to as being depending upon a rejected base claim. However, in view of the above mentioned terminal disclaimer, the application respectfully refrains from a discussion of claims 5-9.

The applicant acknowledges with thanks the allowance of claims 11-19, 21-27, and 29-36.

CONCLUSION

The claims in their present form are allowable over the art of record. The applicant therefore solicits their allowance.



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